

## CARNIVAL FAILS TO MAKE 'NUT'; VICTIM REIMBURSED

Recalling the history of previous carnivals during their stand here, the recent tent show troupe that occupied a lot on Cedar avenue for four days last week was unusually "clean," according to local police. The traveling show failed to gross anything for its operators' expectations on account of cold weather and, according to one report given out by those in charge, "didn't even make our nut."

Translated, this means the carnival failed to meet current expenses plus the \$100 license fee exacted by the city. Those who attended the wrestling exhibition, staged Saturday night, said that "where one paid admission entered, 25 others came in gratis—under the tent."

Only one complaint was lodged with local police concerning the show. This was from a local woman whose husband dropped \$19 at one of the carnival's "feature attractions." The wife told police her husband was to have paid a doctor bill and then purchased \$19 worth of groceries out of his pay check. Instead of buying groceries he tried to "buck the house."

When Safety Director John Stroh accompanied the husband and wife to the carnival, a man in charge of the place where the \$19 went into the carnival's coffers readily agreed to return the money after asserting that "his game was as fair as any in the business." Director Stroh agreed that the game was as described—but only suckers play it.

## Tree Matters Hold Interest

Tree removal, tree topping and the gift of several palms were asked and offered the city council Tuesday night in letters from three local residents.

Henry C. Day of 1604 Date street, asked that four nubbypt—three on Sonoma and one on Date—be removed because they were "a detriment to the property and useless for shade." His request was referred to the Street committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bishop suggested that the "big trees at Portola and Maricopa need topping because they are dangerous to life and property." Their car top was recently damaged when one of the tree limbs fell during a wind storm and they asked the council to pay the \$7 damage bill. At the suggestion of a council member, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett will write the Bishops that the damage was "caused by an act of God, to-wit, a wind storm, and therefore the city was not liable for damages." No action was taken on the topping request.

Councilmen were surprised to receive an offer of some trees rather than another demand for removals but referred Mrs. Hartley C. Carr's gift of several palms to the Park department. Mrs. Carr offered the palms at 1537 Marcelina avenue.

## Council Approves Appropriations

It was the Mayor's turn to propose improvements to city property at city council meeting Tuesday night and by the time he had finished making appropriation motions he had endorsed expenditures totaling \$134,522. Councilman James Hitchcock got a motion to spend \$114 for fertilizer for the city park approved and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett won the council's okay for a \$77.09 expenditure for a cabinet and indirect lighting unit for City Attorney John E. McCall's office.

Mayor William H. Tolson's appropriations were: \$474.21 for a new counter and filing system to be installed in the police station; \$470.80 for pipe and fittings needed by the municipal water system; \$169.44 for three gas heaters installed in the city courtroom and judge's chamber; \$123.60 for new water meters; \$62.50 for a used police card index file, and \$51.87 for purchase of 50 boxes of cartridges for the police department.

### DISCHARGE ALIENS

All alien WPA workers in Los Angeles county will be discharged by March 1 in accordance with the provisions of the new relief act recently passed by congress, Herbert C. Legg, Southern California WPA administrator announced today.

### ENDORSE BARCLAY

A resolution was adopted by the city council Tuesday night in which W. R. Barclay, Hawthorne city engineer, was endorsed for a place on the State Highway Commission.

## \$1,000 Set Up by City for Pistol Range

Informed by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett that the city has received approximately \$2,000 in dumping fees from oil companies using the area near the old police pistol range off the city dump for oil refuse, City Councilman James Hitchcock moved Tuesday night that \$1,000 of this sum be used for the construction of a new pistol range near the municipal water tanks off Torrance boulevard and Cedar avenue.

Bartlett asked if the money was to be used for the purchase of land and said that if expenditures exceeded \$500 the city would have to advertise for bids. Hitchcock maintained that the money could be "set up" for the purpose he outlined and when Bartlett agreed to this, the council voted to approve Hitchcock's motion over Councilman George V. Powell's negative vote.

## Coordinators Pick Directors

Five members of the Torrance Coordinating Council were elected last Monday night to serve as directors of the organization devoted to raising the standards of youth and to work for civic improvement here. The directors, with President John E. Miller, Dr. O. E. Fossum, secretary, and Vernon Coll, treasurer, will act as a general governing body for any future projects developed by the Council.

The new directors are John Shidler, Fay Parks, T. J. Wilkes, Mrs. Flora McDonald and a Mr. Hooper.

At the Monday night session, the Council voted to table a request for assistance from the high school in obtaining uniforms for the basketball team until the matter of completing the financing of the 1938 Factory Frolic, held last October, was carried thru with the city council.

## Didn't Keep Promise, Cited for Contempt

Before H. H. Wilton, 48-year-old resident of Fillmore, had cleared this city he had faced two charges, one for driving while intoxicated, the other for contempt of court, and had left \$50 in the city treasury.

Wilton was arrested Feb. 8 on the driving while intoxicated charge. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or 25 days in jail. When he told City Judge Robert Leasing he could raise the fine in two hours if allowed to go free, he was released.

But the Fillmore man did not re-appear until the following morning and for his overtime was cited for contempt of court. He immediately wired a friend in the east for the money and a few hours later, thanks to the telegraph company, was free again but \$50 in debt to the eastern friend.

### NO CULVERT ACTION

No response has been forthcoming as yet from the Pacific Electric regarding the city's request that the traction company pay part of the cost of installing a new culvert under its tracks on El Prado just off Western avenue, Leonard Young, acting city engineer, told the city council Tuesday night.

Attending Tenth District P. T. A. meeting on Los Angeles, last Thursday were Mmes. Harold Smith, Marcus Edwards, Chas. Frowten, and Charles Woodcock.

## Townsend Club Activities

By Mrs. Bath Paige

A "mystery dinner" was served in the Townsend hall here last Thursday evening, preceding installation of officers by Fred C. Wagner. Visiting members were noted from several clubs. President, Geiger of San Pedro No. 2 made a talk and reported increased attendance and new members. An address by Rev. J. M. Nation, pastor of Trinity Baptist church of Long Beach, closed the meeting.

A group from the local club attended a regular session of the Gardena No. 1 club of which Mrs. Lulu French is president, last Monday evening. This group will have charge of the monthly dinner at headquarters next Sunday noon at 7011 So. Vermont.

## Nurse Wrecks Car After Hitting Boy

While driving to work along Normandie avenue near 225th street last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Lindie Key, supervising nurse at the Torrance Memorial hospital, struck and injured Norman Cline, seven, of 1326 West 224th street.

The boy ran across Normandie without looking and Mrs. Key wrecked the front end of her machine when she swerved it into the curb in a fruitless attempt to avoid striking him. A Mr. Carr, living at the old White Casino on Carson street, rushed the child and his mother to a local physician's office.

After treatment for a bruised

### GALE WRECKS SIGN

Only major damage reported up to press-time today from the lusty, dusty gale that was sweeping Torrance and the rest of the Harbor District was the collapse of a large sign over Schultz and Peckham's garage on Cabrillo avenue about 12:30 o'clock. A number of smaller signs were laid flat by the high wind.

left thigh, left side of his head and ear and a cut on the back of his head, the boy was allowed to return home. Mrs. Key remained at the scene of the accident until sheriff's deputies arrived and then offered her services as a nurse to the boy's family.

## San Pedrans Find Torrance Hospital Best by Experience

Satisfied customers are necessary for any business... satisfied patients mean success to any hospital and the Torrance institution has always sought to please. This week it learned that one San Pedro family has proven, to its satisfaction, that the local hospital is "tops."

In 1933 the San Pedro resident and his wife welcomed their first baby following confinement at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Recently, they greeted "their third child at the same institution. Their second baby was born at a hospital in a nearby city. Following the birth of the third

### NAMED CORPORAL

Walter H. Bunje of Torrance, student at the University of California at Berkeley, has been appointed a corporal in the Coast Artillery Corps Unit of the R. O. T. C.

Imperial valley melon growers have planted their smallest crop in three years.

child here, the father volunteered this compliment to Torrance Memorial hospital and its staff.

"My wife and I decided to return to your hospital here because we know, from experience, its facilities, that the nurses take greater interest and thus better care of their patients and the rates and charges are much lower."

## Local Western Auto Store Helps Win

Next Tuesday night E. E. Murchison, manager of the local Western Auto Supply store, will attend a "victory dinner" at the Bel-Air Country club when the "Cardinal division" of the firm's stores in the Los Angeles area will be presented with a large gold cup for its first place in a sales contest.

Murchison said today that the Torrance store made a major contribution toward winning that trophy and was one out of 15 stores in this division to show an increase in radio sales last year. Although 1938 was a poor year for radio sales, according to national surveys, the Tor-

RAN BILLBOARDS  
Billboards will no longer be permitted on county-owned property, under instructions given by the board of supervisors to the land and leases agent this week.

51 SCHOLARS  
Narbonne high school has 51 students in its Scholarship Society this semester. Thirty are girls and the A12 class leads in membership, having 15 in the society.

Big Shark Landed on Red ADELAIDE, Australia (U.P.)—A shark weighing 1,291 pounds, was caught with rod and line here.

rance Western Auto store sold 40 more than in 1937.



# MOUSE TRAPS and CHEESE

SEVERAL weeks ago The Torrance Herald sent merchants of this city a mouse trap. Attached to the trap was a message which reminded them of something they already knew... that mouse traps were all right to catch MICE with, but by far the best means of catching CUSTOMERS was for the merchants to pool their efforts and resources and stage a powerful CITY-WIDE DOLLAR DAY.

The next week the same merchants were sent a piece of cheese. Attached to the cheese was a card with a message which reminded them of something they ALSO knew... that a piece of cheese was excellent for attracting MICE, but as far as we knew, the soundest, surest method of attracting CUSTOMERS was for the merchants to offer honest-to-goodness, dyed-in-the-wool BARGAINS that would prove irresistible to thrifty, penny-wise buyers.

We hope we're not too presumptive in thinking that you like BARGAINS and will respond to them when they're offered. We don't think we are. We think that when you read The Torrance Herald or the Tri-City Shopping News next week (which we hope you will... almost everyone does!) you'll scan all the ads and say:

"These values are the greatest I've ever seen offered in this city. I see here many, many items I've been wanting to buy for a long time. Why should I spend money and fight traffic in Los Angeles or Long Beach when I can get just what I want here... right here where I live, from merchants who are my neighbors. I'm going to make out my shopping list now for....."

# TORRANCE CITY-WIDE DOLLAR DAY

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25